

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of all the claims now in the application (i.e. Claims 1-4, 6, 8-18, 82-101 are in the application) is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for his indication that claims 82-97 are allowable and that claims 5, 7, 11-13, 16-18 and 79 were objected to and would be allowable if written in independent form.

Claim 5 has been incorporated into claim 1 and claims 5 has been cancelled. Claim 6 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 1 and 7. The subject matter of claims 11, 17 and 79 has been rewritten as new claims 98, 99 and 101 respectively to include the limitations of claim 1 from which they depend. The subject matter of claim 16 has been rewritten as new claim 100 and includes the limitations of claims 1 and 14 from which it depends. Originally filed claims 11, 16, 17 and 79 now depend from amended claim 1. New claims 102 and 103 are original claims 6 and 7 dependent off of amended claim 1.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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